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12.5	Albon R	273368
19.5	Burt J	265970
26.5	swap req'd pl. ring:	273211
27.5	Brewer J	223496
2.6	Batson C	222594

Exe Regatta

The River Exe Regatta (1/2 July) is under the burgee of Topsham Sailing Club this year. Log on to their website to view the programme and to obtain further details www.topsham-sc.org.uk

Dolphins Skittlers

The final activity of the winter was a superb Dinner held at the Club with Exe Catering providing the food organised by our captain, Diana. Commenting on a 'par' year 12 wins, 6 losses, our form noticeably declined after Christmas for reasons that she could not explain.

Highest average scores in league games were achieved by Mary Parker & Roger Howell.

Martin Hebdige thanked Diana for her considerable work throughout the year organising teams, scoring during games and keeping statistics and for organising the Dinner

Diary Dates

Fri	5 May	1930	Jazz and Nibbles
Sat	6 May		Dinghy park open
Sat	13 May	0900	Dayboats to Ladram or Teignmouth
Fri	19 May	1930	OOD briefing
Sat	27 May	1900	Racing (all boat types) Bar Snacks from 2000
Mon	29 May	1000	Cruise to Babbacombe (D'bts & C'rs)
S/S	3/4 Jun		Junior power boat training
Sat	10 Jun	1800 2000	Racing (all boat types) Fish & Chip Supper
Fri	23 Jun	1930	Jazz Band
Sat	24 Jun	1800	LSC Regatta & Barbecue (2000)
Sat	7 Oct		Craning Ashore 2006
'07	27Jan		Dinner dance (village hall)
'07	3 Feb		LSC AGM

Wanted & Bargain

A couple of oars (not necessarily a pair!) are wanted for the new safety boat - do you have any that you could donate to the club? Please contact Commodore

We need a good home for Saracen, the club Mirror. She is in reasonable condition, and would be a fine starter boat for youngsters who want to learn to sail. She's yours for £1! Please contact our Sailing Secretary.

Walker's Winter

Our winter walking programme has now ended and will recommence in October. The numbers participating being a measure of its success, between 20 & 30 walkers being the norm. An essential requirement seems to be a Sunday Roast at a pub. Therefore this gives the leaders a two-fold problem to solve. Thanks to all concerned.

Two highlights of the programme were the superb meal provided by Jenny Charles and her team when we dined at our Clubhouse and the informative tour of the wartime Dalditch Camp arranged by Richard Giles. *Bill & Doreen*



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May 2006

Stick in the Mud!

"Dear Mr Cooke, I had the misfortune of snapping the mast of my Laser on Saturday afternoon in the estuary, halfway between Starcross & Lympstone. Perhaps unsurprisingly, I was finding it difficult making any sort of headway, let alone steering the boat! Fortunately some eagle-eyed person at your Club witnessed my plight & I (and my boat!) were rescued by your Safety Boat whose skipper was too modest to give me his name. Whoever he was, may I ask you to pass on my sincere thanks again.

Would you please accept the enclosed small contribution to Club funds for the petrol expended on my behalf on Saturday...."

This incident occurred whilst our Safety Boat happened to be on the water doing a training session and whilst unfortunate for the sailor, must have proved excellent experience for those in training. From what I have heard, there are important lessons to be learned for all Safety Boat operatives not just from this, but from most incidents in fact, the simplest of which is that whatever the planned task, the Safety Boat, cox'n & crew should always be prepared for rescue duties when afloat. I hope to publish the story of what was experienced next month. *Ed*

Our Poles have Walked

AWOL – two 21ft scaffold poles! We recently acquired two 21ft scaffold poles to rebuild the perch ODM. They were left by the harbour board store – and have now been removed by someone. Did you see them being taken? We would like them back please. Telephone or email the Commodore if you have any information.

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Safety & Comms for Cruising

Members who sail outside the estuary are reminded that they should have recorded their details with HMCG on form CG66. Details should be updated every 2 years. Forms can be downloaded from www.mgca.gov.uk, via the 'Online Services' box on their home page. Completed form, together with a photograph of their vessel (if possible) should be posted (snail mail) to Brixham Coastguard (MRSC), King's Quay, Brixham, Devon. TQ5 9TW.

Members who have updated their VHF sets to DSC-compatible technology should have a personal MMSI number. This can be obtained from Ofcom by updating their ship's VHF license. It could be an advantage to have a Club directory of these numbers so if you let me know yours I will issue a directory as soon as possible.

Don Govan

Social Events

A big thank you to those people who have already indicated that they are willing to organise or help to cater for social events. I am trying to gather more names and schedule events over the summer so I would be pleased to hear from anyone willing to help. This can be from organising and cooking a meal to baking a cake or helping on the day, serving food or clearing up after an event. Please give me a call if there are any particular events or dates that you are available. The main events are listed on the sailing programme. I am currently looking for people to help with the Regatta BBQ on the 24th June. Give me a call if you could lend a hand.

Now we are getting closer to summer, remember that the club is open on Friday evenings from 7.30pm, so why not come down and enjoy the sunset with a bottle of wine – what better way to spend an evening-apart from sailing of course.

On Friday 5th May there will also be jazz to listen to performed by The Topsham Youth Band that gave us such a splendid performance at Christmas. Hope to see you there.

Judith Carter 274104

Safety Notice - Product Recall

Early in April an RYA Instructor was badly injured in the hand and abdomen whilst demonstrating the use of an in-date white hand-held collision flare. *Pains Wessex* has issued a recall notice on **White Collision Warning Hand Flares (MK 7)** with batch numbers **2045 and 2046**. Members with such flares are advised to check batch numbers. If any are found, return them to the place of purchase or your local chandler. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary

Sailing Secretary's Notices

- Dinghy / Dayboat Sailing Instructions for racing have been updated, copies will be available at the club and are on the club website as are 'Starting Procedures' which are useful for racers and Officers of the Day (OOD)
- Crewing / helming opportunity. Is there anyone out there who would be interested in occasional crewing in my Merlin? You will need to be reasonably agile but don't need lots of experience. Ring to discuss. Ian 01395 222136 Dinghy racing. In marketing speak LSC has cornered a niche market - we have a relaxed but hopefully enjoyable approach based mainly on having a good time when sailing. To further this and being conscious that we have a wide range of boats & abilities we are hoping to introduce some variations on the standard handicap numbers. eg. one option may be to adjust the GP14 handicap for those crews who do not use spinnakers. We need to have a structured approach to this and will therefore develop the methodology during the early part of the season based on what you - the crews - want to see.
- Having just got you relaxed & thinking you don't need to worry about how that big, pretty coloured sail on the front of dinghies works we would love to see you & your boat being used to the best of your capabilities. Our formal training will be low key this year but there are a number of very competent sailors in our ranks who will quite happily help you to improve your sailing so don't be afraid to ask. There is a wealth of information available on how to set up your boats, improve your sailing etc but sometimes the amount of detail can be daunting. If you would rather have some one to one discussions or tuition then speak to your fleet captain or me, alternatively just ask that chap who always beats you by miles how he does it...
Ian Smith

Commodore's Signal

At last the cruisers, dayboats and launches have been successfully craned afloat. Many thanks to the Harbour Board and helpers for organising the launch team on Saturday and weeding party on Sunday, taxi crews and refreshment teams on both days!

Lets get the masts stepped, sails lashed on – and go sailing!

I am keen to encourage use of the Club facilities. The safety boats are there to be used – you should be a club approved safety boat cox'n, or be undergoing PB training and want a bit more practice. We can never log too many hours on the water carrying out towing, MOB & casualty recovery drills – but do please give Tony Clark or Brian Ridge a ring beforehand to check it is OK, and launch with a crew. Don Mildenhall has kindly donated 3 adult buoyancy aids now stowed in the Bosun's locker and available to use if there is an emergency launch. Many thanks Don.

One word of caution, especially to mums and dads with young families- I am afraid the recent spring tides washed up evidence of the drug culture that is about – a hypodermic syringe with needle in place. Could dog walkers please keep an eye open for these dangers, and perhaps mums and dads have a quick scout along the high water mark to tidy up before the youngsters play.

Sensitive negotiations continue re the Harbour Revision Order – I'll let you have more news when the outcome is more certain. Ian Smith has been busy overhauling the SIs & Jerry Chew has issued safety boat and Officer of the Day rotas – thanks to them. Bosun Pete Trapnell will be keeping an eye on the safety boats/equipment. So all should be in place to support loads of sailing.

Here's to a good season and fair winds, and I look forward to seeing you out on the water, or on the balcony afterwards!

Chris Cooke

Training Update

Forms to determine members training needs for 2006 are being circulated. In the meantime we have pencilled in three training weekends:

3/4 June – Junior power boat training up to Power Boat 2 (minimum age13)

8/9 July – Junior adventure weekend and overnight camp

16/17 Sept – Senior power boat training up to Power Boat 2

Please get in touch with me if you want to participate in any of these events.

Tony Clark plans to hold an assessment of the Members on the Power Boat level 2 courses in June. He asks those people to make sure that they get in plenty of practice in the Safety Boat.

On **Saturday 3rd (10.00-14.00) and Sunday 4th (11.00-15.00) June** there will be an RYA Power Boat training weekend for Junior Members and Sea Scouts. The course will only be available to youngsters over 12 years and the cost will be £15 per person (includes Log Book and Practical Course Notes). Endorsed Power Boat Certificates will be issued to those who qualify.

On **Saturday 8th (15.00-19.00) and Sunday 9th (16.00-20.00) July** there will be an Adventure Weekend and overnight camp for Junior Members and Sea Scouts. The weekend will only be available to youngsters over 12 years and it is expected the cost will be £3.50 (the overnight camping fee at Turf).

Details of the above two Junior Training Events will soon appear on the Club Notice Board so please sign up.

Brian Ridge Training Co-ordinator.